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**REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION
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Pursuant to the Examiner's request and the telephone message left November 19, 2003, Applicants formally request that the finality of the Office Action issued October 22, 2003, be withdrawn since claim 2 was not amended to overcome any prior art and is now being rejected under newly cited art. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the finality of the rejections be withdrawn.

Respectfully submitted,

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